

REMARKS

A central feature of the present invention involves the use of a normally “water-soluble” polymer and modifying the water-solubility of this polymer by the attachment of a “hydrophobic group”. Both the water-soluble polymer and the hydrophobically modified polymer are soluble in the volatile solvent but the modified polymer is insoluble in water, so as to form a tightly adherent film on body tissue which is not dissolved or displaced by body fluids, such as blood, perspiration, saliva, etc. all of which are water based. *Mueller* clearly fails to disclose these features of Applicant’s invention. The *Mueller* compositions form “non-stick films” on body tissue after the solvent “such as water or alcohols” evaporate. (*Mueller*, Col. 3, lines 33 - 44.)


The above-amendments are intended to clarify the distinction between Applicant’s polymer and hydrophobically modified polymer from the compositions of *Mueller*.

In a sincere attempt to expedite prosecution, these amendments cancel the composition claim leaving only the method claim (Claim 9 as amended).

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons and in view of these amendments, it is sincerely urged that the Application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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